

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Austin, November 18, 1861

Honorable John M. Crockett, President of the Senate
Sir:

In response to the call of the Honorable Senate, I herewith furnish a statement of the funds and their character now in the Treasury, also a statement showing the several amounts due the State by the different railroad companies.

Very respectfully your obt. servt.,
C. H. Randolph, Treasurer ^s

The statement of funds was referred to the Finance Committee and the statement of amounts due by railroad companies to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Hartley presented the memorial of the mayor and council of the city of Galveston. Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Erath the rule was suspended and the report from the Committee on Military Affairs on the joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint agents to receive and forward contributions to soldiers was taken up. The substitute report was adopted.

Mr. Harcourt offered the following amendment: Insert after the words "during the present war," "and subject to removal by the Governor for failure to perform the service contemplated in this joint resolution." Adopted.

Mr. Erath moved to amend by adding after the word "government" the words "or means if necessary." Adopted.

Mr. Hartley moved to substitute as follows: "That the Governor be and is hereby authorized to appoint agents to forward clothing and other necessities to our soldiers and to furnish the expenses of forwarding such clothing and necessities to said agents out of any money appropriated therefor." Lost.

Mr. Darden moved to amend by striking out 4th line, 1st section, the words "in this State." Adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Scarborough the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Wednesday, November 20, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

^s The manuscript journal states that the Treasurer's report "cannot be found." An extensive search of the State Archives revealed the truth of the statement.

Mr. Reed presented the petition of sundry citizens of Blanco County and by leave introduced a bill to create the county of Kendall and to change the boundaries of Blanco and Kerr counties. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred with petition to Committee on County Boundaries.

A message was received from the House transmitting the following bills which had passed that body: bill to repeal an Act to authorize the County Court of Nueces County to levy a special tax approved February 11, 1860; bill to extend the time for the return of preemption field notes and to pay the dues thereon; and bill defining the pay of State Troops under the command of Colonel John S. Ford.

Mr. Burnett presented the petition of C. H. Davis which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Boyd, Chairman of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, reported a bill to amend the 3rd section of an Act to incorporate the Dallas Bridge Company and recommended its passage.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a joint resolution relating to the transportation of contributions to the soldiers of Texas correctly engrossed.

Mr. Durant, Chairman of the Committee on Confederate Relations, reported a joint resolution which had been referred to that committee and recommended its passage.

Mr. Hartley, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, reported a bill for the exemption of two thousand dollars worth of property of the soldier while in service from taxation and recommended that it be referred to the Committee on Finance and on motion of Mr. Shepard the report was adopted. Also a substitute for a bill to procure the investigation of the rights of the State to the salt lake known as El Sal del Rey in Hidalgo County, Texas, and recommended its adoption and passage.

Mr. Guinn, Chairman of the Committee on Claims and Accounts, reported a bill for the relief of Charles Stillman and recommended that it do not pass because the evidence is insufficient.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee have considered a bill for the relief of Honorable A. W. O. Hicks and direct me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage. The object of the bill is to authorize and direct the State Treasurer to pay over to the said Hicks \$1000, the balance due him as a Judge of the District Court. This amount has been withheld by the Treasurer on account

of a report made to him by the Chief Justice of Sabine and San Augustine Counties notifying him that Judge Hicks had failed to hold the Spring term, 1861, of the District Court for said counties under the provisions of the law of December 30th, 1840.

The committee have inquired into the cause of the failure to hold said court and ascertain the facts to be that Judge Hicks was a delegate to the late Convention held in the City of Austin which passed the Ordinance of Secession, that he did not return to his district in time to hold the court in Sabine County and was notified by the representative from that county that the citizens did not desire or expect him to hold the court. In the county of San Augustine he organized the court, but transacted no business because the attorneys and parties litigant requested a general continuance of all the business on the docket. For these reasons the committee are of opinion that Judge Hicks was guilty of no dereliction of duty in failing to hold the courts above referred to.

Mr. Shelley introduced a bill to incorporate the Austin Hook and Ladder Fire Company. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That it is the sense of the Senate that the state tax should be increased to twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars in order to raise a sufficient revenue to sustain the credit of the State and that the Finance Committee be instructed to cooperate with the same committee on the part of the House and inquire into the expediency of so increasing the taxes and that the passage of this resolution be communicated to the House."

Mr. Hartley offered the following amendment: "And that it is the opinion of this Senate that the State Treasury warrants should be made receivable for taxes."

On motion the resolution and amendment were made the special order for Monday the 25th instant at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper introduced a bill to authorize the Government to appoint an agent for the Alabama and Coushatta Indians and to make an appropriation for the same. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Shelley presented petition of sundry citizens of Comal County asking to be attached to Hays County. Read and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper introduced a bill to legalize the official acts of the several civil officers of the State in

Newton County. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill for relief of the minor heirs of N. B. Cooper. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

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A bill for the endowment of professorships in colleges. Read 2nd time. The substitute of Committee on Education adopted.

Mr. Parsons offered the following amendment: "Provided that all log cabin or frame school houses shall be entitled to one fourth of the amount herein provided for first class seminaries."

Mr. Harcourt offered the following amendment: "Provided that the locations under the provisions of this Act shall be made upon that portion of the public domain heretofore ceded to the United States."

Mr. Selman moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject until 11 o'clock Wednesday. Carried.

A bill granting land to the soldiers of Texas on the report of the Committee on Militia and Military Affairs recommending that it do not pass was read 2nd time and on motion of Mr. Finlay the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Thursday, November 21, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Dickson presented the petition of W. W. Buster asking remuneration for a horse, &c. Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of an Act to provide for the payment of grand and petit jurors, passed February, 1860, and recommended its passage; also a bill to prevent the emancipation of slaves with a recommendation that it do not pass because legislative action on that subject is unnecessary, there being a constitutional provision relative thereto; also a bill to amend the 110th section of an Act to regulate proceedings in the county courts pertaining to estates of deceased persons, passed March 20, 1848, recommending substitute therefor and its adoption and passage; also a bill for relief of Samuel Everett recom-